ernment have received a proposal from M/s. IPICOL for setting up a Penicillin project in the Balasore District of Orissa.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Production and Consumption of Petrol

1501. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production and consumption of petrol in the country at present;

(b) what is the quantity of petrol imported from the foreign countries; and

(c) by when the country would be self dependent in petroleum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) Production of petrol and its consumption during 1989-90 has been provisionally estimated as 3286 and 3182 thousand tonnes respectively. Hence, no import of petrol is envisaged during 1989-90.

(c) It is not possible to say with any degree of certainty as to when self sufficiency in petroleum products will be achieved.

Extraction of oil in Betia

1502. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission started drilling in Betia district of Bihar a number of years ago to explore oil reserves and drilling was made upto 5,400 feet after spending near about rupees 40 crores; and

(b) what are the reasons for not completing the project even after spending such a huge amount and what are the details of obstruction, if any, due to which the project has been left incomplete?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) One well Gandak-1 has been drilled down to a depth of 5314 metres by ONGC near Betia in the West Champaran district of Bihar during 1983—85. The well was essentially meant for collection of subsurface geological data of the area. The cost of the well Gandak-1 is Rs. 15.34 crores.

(b) The project was completed after reaching the geological objectives. As no oil/gas was found in the well, the rig was shifted to the next location. Further exploration in this area is continuing.

Old deposits in Wokha District of Nagaland

1503. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil deposits have been located in the Wokha district of Nagaland;

(b) whether this could be established through proper survey and if so, what is the nature, quantity and quality of the oil deposit available there;

(c) whether the district would be included for test drilling during the Seventh Plan; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. This could be established through Geological, Gravity-Magnetic, Seismic surveys and remote sensing data.

As on 1-1-89 the total geological reserves established is of the order of 25.18 MMt of oil and oil equivalent gas.

The nature of oil is paraffinic and it is medium light crude.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.